

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Application No. 09/244,419
Attorney Docket No..Q53219

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 have been examined. Claims 11, 15 and 16 are allowed. Claims 1-10 and 12-14, however, are rejected.

By this Amendment, rejected independent claims 1, 12 and 13 are canceled.

Additionally, rejected dependent claims 2, 3, 6, 7 and 14 are amended to depend from allowed claim 11. Thus, in view of these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the application is placed in condition for immediate allowance with claims 2-11 and 14-16.

Consequently, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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